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A little meatier that I originally envisioned, but give me your “unvarnished” feedback....

“In October 2012, EPA was asked to provide analytical support to determine if construction & demolition debris from a local school was contaminated with asbestos. Shortly thereafter, we visited and collected air, dust & debris samples from the Ashue Road site in Wapato, WA. Several meetings between EPA, the Yakama Nation and Yakima County followed. Results of the sampling later confirmed the presence of low-levels of asbestos in the debris.

In March, 2013, EPA, the Yakama Nation and Yakima County met with several Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to propose that they lead a cleanup of the site. We requested a response and work plan prior to any work beginning at the site, which was scheduled to begin in April, 2013.

In April, 2013 EPA received a letter from the attorney representing the PRP group and other attorneys, requesting an extension of time to hire consultants and develop a work plan. That request was granted.

At this time, all known contractors involved with the school demolition, along with the property owners, have received notice that they may be potentially liable for cleanup of the site, and no parties have been specifically released from liability.

We are continuing to coordinate with the Yakama Nation and Yakima County to work to address whatever risks may be posed by this debris and resolve this matter.”

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